



*USAC Office of the Transfer Student Representative  
Transfer Leadership Coalition*

**April 12, 2021**

**Letter Addressing the Recent Housing Priority Decision**

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TO: Gene D. Block, Chancellor  
Emily A. Carter, Executive Vice Chancellor and Provost  
Michael J. Beck, Administrative Vice Chancellor  
Pete Angelis, Assistant Vice Chancellor of Housing and Hospitality Services

CC: Monroe Gorden, Jr., Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs  
Sarah Dundish, Director of Housing and Planning  
Suzanne Seplow, Assistant Vice Chancellor of Student Development

SUBJECT: Letter Addressing the Recent Housing Priority Decision

To Chancellor Block, Executive Vice Chancellor and Provost Carter, Administrative Vice Chancellor Beck, Assistant Vice Chancellor Angelis, and others:

On behalf of the Transfer Community, we, the Transfer Leadership Coalition and the USAC Transfer Student Representative, write to you to express our frustration and disappointment with the recent email that illustrated the housing priority for the 2021-2022 academic year. Since the transfer class of 2022 was admitted, they were told that there would be limited housing due to the COVID-19 pandemic; however, Housing informed them that their one year of guaranteed housing would be available during the 2021-2022 academic year. This promise was neither upheld nor respected by Senior Leadership.

Senior Leadership has decided to go against the recommendation of the Housing Priority Committee and have left out the transfer class of 2022. Transfers have historically been excluded from decision-making spaces and the housing priority process only reaffirmed these exclusionary practices. Before the Transfer Town Hall, hosted by the Transfer Leadership Coalition during winter quarter, there were no transfer student representatives on the Housing Priority Committee. During the Transfer Town Hall, transfers voiced their concerns with respect to housing, financial aid, distance learning, and the lack of transfer representation across campus. This prompted the administration to reach out and appoint a transfer student to the committee. This type of reactionary effort towards transfer student demands is heavily embedded into the institution and should be addressed with implementing measures that include transfers into these spaces.

Transferring into UCLA is an incredible feat in itself pre-pandemic, but transferring into online instruction has shown to be one of the hardest tasks and burdens that has been placed on the transfer class of 2022. Our peers have been deprived of an amazing on-campus experience and are left with only one year to experience what UCLA has to offer before they graduate. The

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Hill offers a community like no other and it is shameful that Senior Leadership has taken this opportunity away from transfers. What is worse is the language that was used in the April 2nd email to justify offering sophomores priority housing, stating that they “were largely unable to participate in the traditional first-year on-campus experience this past year.” This type of language ignores transfers who also did not participate in the traditional first-year on-campus experience and further shows us that Senior Leadership does not respect the diverse experiences of the transfer community. Of all people, we thought that a fellow transfer, Chancellor Gene D. Block would understand why this is such an important issue.

Our limited time at UCLA has hindered us from feeling like we are True Bruins. Traditions such as being Bruintized were removed from Transfer Orientation and many spaces on campus remain unreceptive to transfers. The Transfer Living Learning Community continues to be overlooked and under-resourced by administration, all while transfer applicants continue to rise each year. This, however, has been more of an issue for the class of 2022 transfers since they did not get to experience any of this. Our transfer community already faces the stigma that we are not as hard-working or deserving of attending UCLA because we entered the “easy” way. This stigma has been ingrained into higher education and has created barriers for transfers to access four-year universities. No UCLA transfer thought that an institution that prides itself in being not only the #1 public university in the country, but the #1 university for transfers, would treat its transfer population as an afterthought.

The Transfer Community has already begun taking collective action to combat the housing decision. We started a petition that has garnered over [1,200 signatures](#) from transfers, allies, and faculty who will not accept the way we have consistently been undervalued. We also gathered many transfers to share their grievances with the On-Campus Housing Council on April 6th, where we believed housing administration would be in attendance to answer our concerns and questions. No administrators who could address this issue were present, which only increased the community’s anger because the majority of students do not have any access to administrators. Within a 24-hour timeframe, the On-Campus Housing Council released a letter in support of priority housing for the transfer class of 2022. Additionally, the USAC Transfer Student Representative had asked Executive Vice Chancellor & Provost Emily Carter why returning transfers were not offered priority housing during a Legislative Assembly meeting. EVCP Carter skipped the question and instead left the meeting. The administration should be ashamed that transfers have to demand an equitable academic experience. Senior Leadership and other administrative figures are supposed to listen to and respect the student body’s concerns and needs. However, we were denied even an explanation as to why the recommendation of the

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Housing Priority Committee was dismissed, which proves that the institution does not accurately reflect its promise of equity, diversity, and inclusion. We demand the following:

1. The Transfer Class of 2022 receive the guaranteed housing they were promised upon being admitted.
2. An apology from Senior Leadership to the Transfer community at large that explains why the original recommendation of the Housing Priority Committee was rejected.
3. That the administration starts identifying leadership for the Transfer LLC now, in order to begin the planning process for next year's transfer applicants.
4. Quarterly meetings with Senior Leadership, the Transfer Leadership Coalition Co-Chairs, and the USAC Transfer Student Representative so that UCLA's highest leadership are aware of the issues the Transfer community faces.

We deserve an equitable experience at UCLA and we should each be able to feel like a True Bruin. We urge you to work with us in rectifying the housing decision.

In strength & solidarity,

***Transfer Leadership Coalition***

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Pacific Islander Student Association  
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Southeast Asian Transfer Enrichment Day (SEATED)  
Afrikan Student Union  
Vietnamese Student Union at UCLA  
Asian Pacific Coalition

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***Student Organizations***

TransferMed  
Emergency Medicine Research Associates (EMRA)  
Association of First-Generation Undergraduates  
UCLA Japanese Student Association  
Nikkei Student Union  
Lapu the Coyote that Cares Theater Company  
The Advancement of Historically Excluded Minorities (AHEM)  
Afrikan Education Project  
Bruin Democrats at UCLA  
Sexperts, SWC  
Taiwanese American Student Association at UCLA  
Bruin Commuter Resource Association

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Isabel Mercedes Siguenza - transfer student  
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